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20 June 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, United States Intelligence Board (USIB)

SUBJECT : Scientific and Technical Intelligence

1. This memorandum requests action by you as indicated in paragraph 6.
2. The Coordination Staff was instructed to prepare for USIB a response to a request by the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB) for an assessment of intelligence concerning the scientific and technical capabilities of the Soviet Bloc with a view to improving the collection, coordination, and analysis thereof. After extensive consultation within the intelligence community, the Coordination Staff prepared a draft report to the USIB together with a number of recommendations to correct weaknesses which had been identified at that time in intelligence collection, coordination, and analysis in this field.
3. The report and recommendations were extensively reviewed and commented upon by the USIB and by the agencies concerned, and effective and continuing action on the most important of the recommendations therein has been undertaken by the responsible agencies as follows:
 - a. The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has developed a carefully constructed long-range program for the clandestine collection of information on the policy, planning, and design phases of Soviet research and development.



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- b. Arrangements for reorganization of scientific and technical intelligence in the Department of Defense (DOD) have proceeded along the general lines recommended in the report, although it must be recognized that problems of coordination between Defense and CIA activities in this field remain.

Additionally, action has been taken or is under way to carry out a number of the remaining recommendations. Consequently, the weaknesses and areas for improvement which were identified by the Coordination Staff at the time of the PFIAB request have been, or are being, dealt with by the USIB agencies concerned.

4. A summary of the progress made to date as a result of the assessment requested by the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board is attached as Tab A.

5. During the period since the review of scientific and technical intelligence activities was completed by the Coordination Staff, changing circumstances have focused attention on problems of a new or different character which are under current and continuing examination by appropriate community elements as well as by the Coordination Staff.

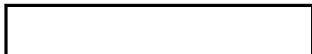
6. Taking into account the circumstances cited above and the progress indicated in Tab A, it is recommended that:

a. No further formal action be taken by the USIB with respect to the original PFIAB request;

b. The PFIAB be notified by whatever means you believe appropriate of the above decision;

c. You authorize the Executive Secretary of USIB to report your approval of a. and b. above to the other USIB members prior to your notification to PFIAB.

SIGNED


Assistant for Coordination

Attachment: (1) Tab A

The recommendations in paragraph 6 are approved:

Chairman, United States Intelligence Board

Date

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